

**ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
LEIOPAPA A KAMEHAMEHA, ROOM 1500  
235 S. BERETANIA STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 1400 HOURS UNTIL 1600 HOURS

MEMBERS PRESENT

Malia Akutagawa; Mark Ambler; David Atkin; Gary Gill (Director of Environmental Quality Control); Koalani Kaulukukui; Shannon Mears; Charles Prentiss; Glenn Teves; Mary Steiner (Chairperson); and Marjorie Ziegler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Iris Terashima; Scott Glenn; Azita Quon; and John Richards

OTHERS PRESENT

Attendance sheet attached.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of 10 members, Chairperson Mary Steiner called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. All present introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Steiner deferred this item to the November meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Chair Steiner discussed the committee retreat and changing the meeting schedule. The council will meet on November 15 and take off in December.
2. The letter from the Building Industry Association will be placed on the agenda for November.
3. The University of Hawaii (UH), Environmental Center will also be on the November agenda.
4. There was a discussion of the possible formation of an "outreach committee" which Mr. Ambler and Ms. Ziegler volunteered to pursue. The group plans to meet next month.
5. Chairperson Steiner reported that the first round of comments on the rules has concluded. The November meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. instead of at 2:00 p.m.

OEQC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Director Gill discussed the budget noting that \$350K is being set aside for the database project. He also discussed the council proposed budget.
2. The office is currently working on updating the Fees Bill that was unsuccessful in the last legislative session. The office plans to resubmit this.
3. There were 18 candidates for the Planner III position and Ms. Genevieve Hilliard was selected.
4. Director Gill noted that the budget proposal for FY 2014 will be \$50K.
5. Director Gill is looking to fill the resignation of Mr. Cooper.  
Director Gill left immediately after his report due to a scheduling conflict.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

### 1. Exemption

Chair Atkin reported his committee met earlier to discuss the worksheet, shelf life, and transfer of exemptions. He plans to have a four-hour meeting on October 31, 2012.

MOTION: Chair Atkin moved and Ms. Akutagawa seconded that the Environmental Council concur with new language proposed by Mr. Prentiss to disallow project specific exemptions. A brief discussion ensued on reasons for and against the proposal. There was no vote on the motion.

Testimony was given by Mr. Penn, Mr. Fox, and Ms. Moroni. Chair Atkin noted that his committee would meet on October 31, 2012, starting at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m.

Chair Atkin also reported that he met with the County of Kauai. They will resubmit their list.

### 2. Rules

Chair Steiner reported that the rules meeting was cancelled due to an emergency. The meeting will be rescheduled.

### 3. Annual Report

Ms Akutagawa gave a summary of the status of the Annual Report. She also reported that the committee met on October 11, 2012, to discuss data and studies. The next meeting of the annual report committee will be on November 2, 2012.

### 4. Legislative

There was no report.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Penn reported to the council on his activities related to Chapter 343, HR.

1. Kauai County Exemption proposal
2. Molokai Irrigation System draft EA
3. Hawaii NEI H2 project
4. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Clean Water Act
5. waterkeeper.org
6. The environmental center respectfully requests that assistance from the council be provided in writing.

## CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Chair Steiner reported that one letter was received from the Building Industry Association that was included in the public folder.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be discussed. However, Ms. Akutagawa reported that the UH is offering free training on January 12, 2013, for board and commission members.

Ms. Ziegler expressed disappointment with Director Gill's discussion on the budget.

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Steiner thanked everyone for their time and the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.